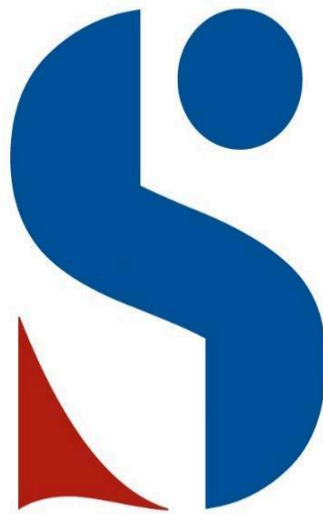


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Children with health needs who cannot attend school policy

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1. Aims

This policy aims to ensure that:

- Suitable education is arranged for students on roll who cannot attend school due to health needs
- Students, staff and parents understand what the school is responsible for when this education is being provided by the local authority

2. Legislation and guidance

This policy reflects the requirements of the [Education Act 1996](#)

It also based on guidance provided by our local authority. Guidance/advice is updated on a regular basis depending on the complexity of the issue. As and when it is updated this school will follow e.g. in the event of a local, national or global pandemic.

Link to Local Authority guidance:

<https://ths4s.co.uk/Pages/Download/6e93b3fa-5db8-4eb8-88ed-e2456933f2da/PageSectionDocuments>

3. The responsibilities of the school

3.1 If the school makes arrangements

Initially, the school will attempt to make arrangements to deliver suitable education for children with health needs who cannot attend school. These arrangements will be put in place on a case by case basis.

The arrangements include:

- The Head of Year and the link Senior Leadership Team member having responsibility for coordinating the educational provision
- Where possible work will be set for the student to complete. This will be hard copies of work, online learning or a combination of these
- If a student is hospitalised we will liaise with the hospital school regarding work set, marked, exam entries and exam arrangements. In addition we will liaise with LEAP regarding individual tuition requirements

At all times school staff will work in conjunction with parents/carers regarding these arrangements.

Information relating to long term medical care at home and/or in hospital will be shared with the school's Attendance Welfare Advisor.

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Tower Hamlets will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children.

The role of the local authority will be dependent on:

- The period of absence
- The specific medical needs of the student
- SASS completing referral to SIP (Social Inclusion Panel) for IT
- SASS completing EHA (Early Help Assessment), uploading to this relevant medical documentation to support referral

The role of support/provision through the London East Alternative Provision.

In cases where the local authority makes arrangements, the school will:

- Work constructively with the local authority, providers, relevant agencies and parents to ensure the best outcomes for the student
- Share information with the local authority and relevant health services as required
- Help make sure that the provision offered to the student is as effective as possible and that the child can be reintegrated back into school successfully

4. Reintegration to school

When reintegration is anticipated, Stepney All Saints will work with the local authority to:

- Plan for consistent provision during and after the period of education outside the school, allowing the student to access the same curriculum and materials that they would have used in school as far as possible
- Enable the student to stay in touch with school life
- Create individually tailored reintegration plans for each child returning to school
- Consider whether any reasonable adjustments need to be made including use of the school's learning centre/hub as a transition facility to mainstream schooling
- Carry out a Risk Assessment where needed and sharing this with subject teachers
- School nursing/student's medical team to provide individual health care plan/medical advice for school in advance of pupil returning. This should include any adjustments the school is expected to make.
- Provide through medical needs coordinator the offer of being able to administer medication in school. For this to happen the medication must be in original packaging, it also needs to be accompanied by a letter from the pharmacy/doctor.

5. Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting students with medical conditions